

Wichita Daily Eagle

The date for the opening of the strip is now the text for guessing. The Eagle's guess is April 23.

Vice President Stevenson will prove a very small man, as compared to his chief, but he is the most popular with the crowd, by long odds.

"Uncle Jerry," the head of the weather bureau, true to his Republican training, gave the Democrats yesterday a taste of what that party may expect for the next four years.

Out of 345 persons who have registered in Leavenworth for the spring election, only thirty-nine are women. What is the use of fooling around about equal suffrage at Topeka?

It is worthy of note that the opposition in the senate to the strip amendment to the Indian bill came exclusively from Democrats: the Republican senators supported it unanimously.

And Jerry Simpson voted against the only measure direct for the relief of the farmer and stock raiser pending in the last congress, the Hatch anti-option bill. The double-faced demagogue.

The longest total eclipse of the sun that has occurred within a century will take place April 16, prox. Its line of totality will be in the south temperate zone; it will not be visible in this latitude.

The equal suffrage proposition adopted by the house at Topeka passed by a vote of 94 to 17. The seventeen who voted against equal suffrage included eight Populists, seven Republicans and two Democrats.

Governor Lewelling has issued his first pardon. It was for W. H. Gage, sent to the penitentiary for forgery. He claims that he was drunk, and Lewelling let him out on the promise that he wouldn't get drunk again.

Senator Ingalls' article on Kansas, written for the Harpers several years ago, is announced for publication in the April monthly. If the original idea is carried out, many portraits of Kansas men will be presented.

The quicker now that the Kansas legislature winds up the necessary appropriation bills and passes the revenue bill and adjourns the sooner will the state adjust itself for the work and business of the opening year.

A Texas paper published in a town where they burn men at the stake and punch out their eyes with red hot irons, jeers at the Republican judges in Kansas who refused to allow a minority legislature to enact laws to govern a majority.

Ten-year-old Dan Paschall was sentenced at Fort Smith, Ark., to serve three years in the state reform school for the killing of another boy about the same age. This is believed to be the youngest criminal of like offense on record.

The strip bill passed congress in the last hour of the session—too late for President Harrison to declare the lands open for settlement, by proclamation. President Cleveland will no doubt carry out the provisions of the law, but he will be in no great hurry about it.

The Democratic governor of Massachusetts at a banquet night before last, offered the following toast to Governor McKinley which is beautiful in sentiment and full of truth: "A manly man in misfortune, stronger than politics is friendship, and stronger than political principle is human sympathy."

Word comes from Topeka that there is no danger of the Republican house passing that maximum rate bill, which was conceived by Kansas City and born of the Pop. senate. It ought to have been entitled "a bill to rob Kansas of all chances of ever having a home market center and if possible of future commercial wealth and power."

The Populist hate the Santa Fe so hard that when they voted to remove the capitol, they picked on Kanopolis, one of the few towns in Kansas, which the Santa Fe does not reach—Topeka Democrat.

Nevertheless, if the state capital should be removed to that point, or any other not reached by the Santa Fe, it would not remain without such connection more than a few days. "Get there" is the Santa Fe's watchword.

A large number of contractors have been in Topeka the past week figuring on bids for several large contracts to be let by the Santa Fe. One contract is for forty-nine bridges on the Chicago line and another is for filling in the approaches to the trestle over the Illinois river. The latter is the biggest job the Santa Fe has undertaken for several years, and probably a year's work will be necessary to complete it.

From the position heretofore taken by Colonel Tomlinson, in his Topeka Sentinel, it was supposed at least that in changing the name of his paper to the Daily Democrat, he would at once espouse the cause of the stalwart Democracy, but to the contrary he criticizes, to ridicule, that following—in fact, declares that there are not enough of them to amount to the distinction of a following. He is feminist fusion, but pronounces for the Democracy. He has undertaken a big job, in trying to reorganize the party in Kansas.

ROTTEN EGGS THEM AGAIN.

Our Populist friends will read President Cleveland's inaugural this morning with mingled groans and curses. President Cleveland entertains no political hatred that is more intense than another it is his uncomprehending aversion to what he denounces as the visionary whims of the Populists. To emphasize his attitude towards them was Hoke Smith only appointed to a seat in the cabinet, a mere youth of the south who plastered its advocates and candidates with stale eggs. Of course President Cleveland from his high place and in so exalted and important a state paper as an inaugural is very choice in his language which like a cool, polished stiletto he so deftly inserts beneath the fifth rib of the Populist party that they can scarcely discern his meaning or know what hurt them, but does its work only too effectively as the Demo-Fusionist must see to his sorrow.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

The extremity of fanaticism upon the part of the Populists and the extremity of cowardice upon the part of the Republicans of the legislature at Topeka, combined, have resulted in a proposition to amend the constitution to the end of female suffrage. This stop over means an unequally light on the stump, and rostrum. It will be a fight in which childless wives, short haired old maids and loud mouthed, ambitious females will be pitted against the sweet influences of home and the wisdom of the queens of our firesides. These homes and firesides may be disturbed, somewhat, by the aggressive screechers who so itch for public life and notoriety, but the mothers and wives at home will influence more votes than all the local and imported ranters that may be sprung upon us. If Kansas women were not in every way protected by our laws, or if a majority of our wives, mothers, daughters and sweethearts desired to mix in politics and in public life there would be no question as to the result, but experience abundantly proves that they do not, that they do not even pay any attention to the duty already prescribed by law by taking part in school and municipal elections. Kansas is guilty of a large number of abnormalities and eccentricities, but nevertheless, and all the same, she seems to be blessed with the rank and choice of womanly women whose beauty of life, whose sweetness of femininity and whose winning brightness are unexcelled if equalled by the women of the homes of any other state or of any other country on which the sun shines.

JERRY GOES TO EUROPE.

Jerry Simpson, the great champion of the mortgage ridden farmer—himself too poor to wear socks, but big enough to pull the wool over the eyes of the Democrats and Populists of the Seventh district—the loud-mouthed demagogue whose antecedents and predilections the Eagle has shown up from the very first, at last turns up in his true character. Jerry's calamity howl meant Wall street gold in the end. To this end he has advised revolution in Kansas, preached anarchy and set his followers wild generally, until we got, first, what we have at Topeka; and, secondly, what he has got in his pockets at Washington. As the special correspondent of the Kansas City Journal observes, the official roll call on the motion to take up the anti-option bill shows Jeremiah Simpson, who holds the job of representing the Seventh Kansas district, the eighty-eighth member of the house voting in the negative. All the other Alliance members voted in the affirmative, as did nearly all Republicans and all Democrats who personally whose districts are outside the direct influence of Wall street. During the entire session Simpson had acted according to the demands of Wall street on this bill, despite the fact that he represents the largest wheat growing district in the United States. Also despite the fact that petitions praying for the passage of this bill now on file, and which have come in during the session of congress, show over 18,000 names from Simpson's district and less than 300 of his constituents against the bill, and these came in recently by way of an effort of an organized fight on the part of the grain gamblers which has been fully explained in these dispatches.

There is a stronger petition from Simpson's district for the passage of the bill than there ever was on any subject, and more than there ever was on all other questions put together during one congress. It may be recalled that it was stated last session that Simpson had gone in with the grain members and was doing everything he could against the bill. About the time he showed his hand to C. Wood Davis, and Representatives Hatch and Sharp, and pointed interviews between Simpson and these gentlemen were published. They were followed by many letters from constituents demanding that Simpson support the bill. This was in May last, and Simpson, fearing the result in the coming election, broke his arrangement with Wall street and voted for the bill in June. Now election is over and the arrangement is renewed. Congressman Davis of this state, is reported in the dispatches as follows:

"I am certain our farmers want the bill passed, and I understand Cleveland has promised certain favors to members who would join Wall street in defeating the bill. This has been worked for all a week here on the floor of the house and had its influence along with other plans of seeking votes. I did not think the farmers of my district would me to trade off their market for a few administration or other favors."

Mr. Davis also explained that he was very sorry that a member of the Alliance should vote for Wall street's interest. He also stated that Simpson told him today that he did not expect to return to Kansas for some time, as he had about decided to make a trip to Europe. No explanation was offered as to a possible connection between Simpson's expected trip to Europe and his Wall street vote today.

Secretary Herbert will be the first man who was in the Confederate army to be appointed to the administrative supervision of either branch of the military service of the Union since the late unpleasantness.—St. Joe Gazette.

If this is true, then the statement frequently made by the Democratic critics that the last retiring secretary of war, S. R. Atkins, was in the Confederate military service in the early months of the war is untrue. In any event it seems rather odd for the Gazette and its political lie to insinuate as to the loyalty of ex-Confederates.

For the Eagle.

TRANSCIENT JOYS.
A happy sunbeam danced on the floor,
The baby crept near in delight;
She thought to clasp in her tiny hands,
The fleeting phantom of light.
But the happy sunbeam over his head,
And the foolish baby sat there and cried.
Why should we chase the baby, I pray,
Do we not act in the self-same way?
—ALMIRA E. WIGHT.

In the new organization of the United States senate there will be thirty-one southern Democratic senators and four northern Democratic senators. The southern brigadiers will run the house and Grover Cleveland, the Wall street attorney, is president. The Republicans are not in it and Pop Puffer is nowhere.

The people who have gathered on the borders of the Cherokee strip, with the avowed intention of invading the territory unless it is speedily opened to settlement by congress, deserve little consideration at the hands of the government. They have no business on the border, and no right whatever to enter the strip until congress declares it open to settlement.—St. Joe Herald.

Circumstances alter cases. If St. Joseph were so situated as to receive the lion's share of benefits to be derived from the settlement of the strip, the esteemed would no doubt sing a different strain. As to the presence of the invading settlers on the border of the strip, they violated no law in assembling there, and whether or not their declaration of intention to invade the strip unless it should be opened by congress, that body took just that action before adjournment, which removes the threat from the position of a debatable question. To summarize, therefore: Congress settled the doubt by passing the bill that will enable the invaders (?) to legally settle the strip, and that settles the question.

AD ASTRA PER ASPERA.

To the Editor of the Eagle.
Good Lord, how our state motto keeps pounding us!

I used to think it was a temporary arrangement and when amidst the political whirlwind we were once safely accoucheured, baptised, nursed, cradled and passed through political measles, chickenpox, whooping cough, mumps we would then have passed the tribulation period and commenced on our "glory period," but here we are over again and commenced on another stage of political "periods"—and in this "period" he "who is of a softer and more yielding disposition" as old Robert Crozier puts it, is positively "in it." Naturally "feminist" "women" voting from what I believe are cogent reasons, one of which is that we now have too many voters, and that increased ballot boxes no good to us; and also, at least 10 per cent of the present voters should be digging coal at Fort Leavenworth—I now publicly withdraw all objections, and avow my belief that the sooner this thing is brought to pass the better.

I also think the cigarette law should be amended and tobacco, cigars and snuff included. If there is anything more to be done, appoint a commission. Let the entire gamut of politics, morals, philosophy and sumptuary regulations be over-hauled and put it all in the constitution, and make it self-enforcing; put a double twin-screw propeller in it so if one breaks the other will work.

I am opposed to doing out this stuff to us year by year. It is like "hotel coffee," it don't stand long enough to settle. For the love of the suffering Moses let us get to a point where we can say to the eastern investor:

"Things are settled. Come on with your money."
From the day of the Spanish buccaners to March 3, 1893, 5 o'clock and 16 minutes p. m. Kansas has been in moral, social and political ebullition. Our motto has "done us up." The "aspera" part of our motto stays with us like a hungry hound, and the "glory" part of it is as dim as the recollection of the decalogue on the mind of a convict who carries the "ranch brand" of a dozen penitentiaries on his cadaverous and pestilential carcass.

In the "name of all the gods at once," except Pandora, I pray that we hurry along in our career and get, at least, to the base of that mountain of glory, from whose sublime and regal heights we can look upon the impure mortals groveling beneath us.

Let us in humble supplication beseech Pandora to descend to empty the balance of her box of ills upon us; pour out the vials, jugs, tankards and hogheads of her wrath upon us, to the end that we can joyfully exclaim:

"Now, eastern investor, we are at the end of our rope; soon as we 'settle,' come on with your money!"

Trace Kansas history from the Spanish bandit to now; it is commotion, intensification, raised to the tenth power. Never have we gone to bed and been able to see the lengthening shadow of the approaching political, social or moral vapors that on the morrow was to spring full-orbed on our vision, and challenging our attention by its boldness and impudence.

Let us not hinder this suffrage business. Let us rather hasten it, and also pray that whatever other political, social or moral reforms are hidden, and but waiting the outcome of this one, may boldly come from its hiding place and take its proper position, so we can at least feel that for a brief period we shall have surcease of ills, and turn our attention to common, ordinary bread-winning, business propositions. Let us change "ad astra per aspera" to "Ever and always provoking public attention."
ZOUZOUS.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

Joe Kline has launched the Progress at Claremore.

Okapoke boasts of its having a flouring mill and a cannery soon.

Okahoma has twenty-nine prisoners in the Kansas penitentiary.

There are eighty young Indians attending school at Seger, Washita county.

In the past eight years the government has paid out \$3,767,844 educating the Indians.

Counterfeit nickels are in circulation at Muldrow. It is believed that they are manufactured in the place.

Five hundred Cherokees have signed a petition for separate statehood for the five tribes and forwarded it to Washington.

The Beaver County Democrat warns the people against a man who is going around the country selling a patent sickle sharpener.

decided that an appeal direct from the probate court to the supreme court of the Territory will lie.

The war has opened at Washington between applicants from the Territory and from Texas for the Indian Territory positions. Arkansas and Missouri will also be in the ring.

A superior quality of clay, both for pottery and brick, has been discovered near Kingfisher, which is to be utilized in the manufacture of both pottery and pressed brick.

Deputy marshals from Texas have again been unjustly arresting citizens of No Man's Land, and the Beaver Advocate wants to know how long Oklahoma is to suffer from such outside pirates.

State Capital: R. W. McCombs has about finished the finest race track for the Driving Park Association in Oklahoma. It is a regular mile track, laid out at the old fair grounds, on the school section.

Clippers: The burnt district of Kingfisher is to be built up with a solid row of brick buildings. The entire block is to be excavated one hundred feet wide. This will make one of the finest business blocks in Oklahoma.

Free Press: Work will be commenced next week on a brick hotel by Messrs Hubbard & Hill, on the ground lately occupied by the Hubbard house. It will be 40x100 feet, with basement, containing 20 rooms, and the estimated cost is \$7,000. Next.

A territorial editor says in his paper "Yesterday we were again married. It will be remembered that both of our former wives eloped with the foreman of the office. To avoid any further inconvenience of the kind, we have this time married a lady who is herself a compositor and she will set the type while we hustle for the ducks who will owe us subscription."

Jim Wallace appeared before Judge Burford at Kingfisher, Tuesday, as a witness and refused to be sworn or testify further order of the court. Judge Burford is not going to tolerate any foolishness in his court.

Free Press: Kingfisher comes to the front again this week. This time it is the first colored man that has been naturalized in the territory of Oklahoma. His name is Samuel Lawson, and he was born in Quebec, Canada, twenty-eight years ago. He is a "son-of-a-bitch" named to "denounce" de queen, but he badly wanted a quarter section of Oklahoma's beautiful soil, and of course he could not obtain it otherwise. Uncle Billy Wilson is very proud of his protégé, and as he quaintly puts it the "tail must go with the hide," as it costs like to be people.

Seger Sentinel: Our Indians are learning "the white man's road" very fast, as was seen by their dealings when their last semi-annual interest payment, which amounted to a little over \$10,000, was made at this place. They would figure to get the most for their money, and if the price of an article did not suit them they would leave it alone. They bought less trinkets and more necessities than heretofore.

Clippers: A young man who was returning from his wedding tour was relieved of \$150 on the train near Pond Creek, last Friday. He went into the ladies' toilet with a couple of monte sharks to have a little game, took out his pocketbook to bet \$5, when one of the sharks grabbed it, and, standing the fellow off with knives, proceeded to their lair. At last accounts they had not been captured. The victim owns a claim down near El Reno, and probably thought he knew more about the game than the fellow who originated that pleasurable pastime.

At Lincoln, Neb., the legislature passed a joint resolution last week declaring that the states in the great interior basin should unite in the building of a railroad from Cheyenne to the Dakotas, for the purpose of increasing the commercial prosperity and profiting by the establishment of a deep-water harbor. The resolution recited the benefits to be derived by such a railroad, which it is estimated will cost \$37,000,000 and proposes to secure funds by levying a tax of 5 cents per acre on the lands of the states. It calls upon the governor to consult with the governors of Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, the Dakotas and Oklahoma, and proposing a convention of delegates to meet at some central point. It is proposed to have the road, its feeders and branches built and owned by the people.

EXCHANGE SHOULDS.

But it's All Wichita Got.

From the K. C. Star.
Governor Lewelling has severed the last tie which bound him to the editor of the Wichita Eagle by the appointment of Mrs. Lease to the Kansas state board of charities. If there is anything for which Colonel Murdock has less use than he has for it—it is women in politics.

Fitting as Any.

The Alliance Reflector now refers to Mr. Lewelling as "Lay-Down Lewelling." The Wichita Eagle calls him "Gatling-Gun Lewelling" while the Republican thinks "Lu Dicrous Lewelling" is probably as fitting as any.

Small Business, if True.

From the Lawrence Record.
It is a pretty sight for a governor to appoint a man to office and then lobby to have his confirmation refused by the senate. That is what Lewelling did in Dr. Priehard's case. Every stock man in the state, practically endorsed Priehard for state veterinary surgeon, and Lewelling was forced to appoint him. He shows his littleness, however, in lobbying against his confirmation.

Fun That Costs Too Much.

From the Kansas Republican.
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Origin of Drinking the Health.
The custom of "drinking healths" had a most curious origin. In the days when the Danes looted in England they had a very common habit of stabbing Englishmen in the throat when drinking. To avoid this villainy a man when drinking would request some of the sitters-by to be his pledge or surety while taking his draught. Hence the custom.

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